

MINUTES  
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Thursday March 26, 2009 7:00 PM

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to move the budget reviews not closed or not yet opened from the March 25, 2009 Agenda to the March 26, 2009 meeting.

MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE BUDGET REVIEWS FROM THE MARCH 25, 2009 AGENDA THAT WERE NOT CLOSED OR NOT YET OPENED BE MOVED TO THE MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS REQUIRING ACTION SECTION OF THE MARCH 26, 2009 MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to adjourn the March 25, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The March 26, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Brian Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Absent: Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Nancy Herold, Sean O'Shea

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Council Member Anderson: Commented about the cost of all the copying and distribution expenses and proposed a "green plan" to move to electronic format whenever possible.

Council Member Winkler: Commented about receiving the budget in electronic form. It would be easier to search in an electronic document for the items being discussed.

Council Member Herbst: Commented that it would be easier to discuss the budget in order of the book, instead of skipping around.

Council Member Thomas: requested page numbers

Council Member Schaefer: appreciates the paper form of the budget but is willing to re-use the binder.

Citizens forum closed at 7:15 PM.

PRESENTATION:

Town Administrator Ward shared a document with information regarding new copier leases which have a \$12,000 savings to the budget.

Mayoral request:

The Mayor hereby requests that each Department Head in attendance present an overview of their department budget to the Town Council prior to their budget discussion.

A. BUDGET REVIEW:

The Town Council shall consider the budgets for FY 2009-2010 for various departments, divisions and organizations to include:

1. Waste Treatment Plant Operation
2. Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy
3. Data Processing Center
4. Data Processing
5. Animal Control
6. Dog License Account
7. Engineering
8. Public Works - Administration
9. Public Works – General Maintenance
10. Public Works – Equipment Maintenance
11. Public Works – Snow Removal
12. Public Works – Refuse Collection and Disposal
13. Public Works - Recycling
14. Public Works – Condominium Refuse
15. Public Works – Tree Warden
16. Public Works – Leaf Collection
17. Center 375
18. Capital Improvements - Town
19. Town Council
20. Town Clerk
21. Probate Court
22. Assessment
23. Revaluation
24. Board of Assessment Appeals
25. Collector of Revenue
26. Refunds – Tax Adjustments
27. Executive Administration
28. Law
29. Finance - Administration
30. Finance – Independent Audit
31. Finance - Treasury
32. Finance - Purchasing
33. Fire Fighting and Administration
34. Ambulance Division
35. Fire Marshal
36. Emergency Management
37. Police
38. School Crossing Guards
39. Traffic Authority
40. Building Inspection
41. Town Planner - Administration
42. Community and Economic Development

Directors from each Department presented information and answered questions regarding their budget submissions.

**Waste Treatment Plant Operation**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Motola made a motion to open tab 12, page 83, in the amount of \$5,728,145 motion carried unanimously.  
Discussion took place.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Anderson made a motion to return item # 58400 to the WPCA to reduce it by \$20,000. Discussion took place. Council Member Winkler made a motion to call the Question, motion carried, Council Member Fox opposed. Council Member Campbell's motion failed due to a tie, Council Members Anderson, Motola, Campbell and Thomas voted in favor, Council Members Herbst, Schaefer, Winkler and Fox opposed.

Council Member Winkler seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 12, page 83, account 41345700, in the amount of \$5,728,145, motion carried Council Members Herbst and Thomas opposed.

**Housing Authority – Sewer Subsidy**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to open tab 10, page 72, in the amount of \$46,057 motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to close tab 10, page 72, account 10673282, in the amount of \$46,057, motion carried unanimously.

**Data Processing Center**

Council Member Anderson seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to open tab 12, page 85, in the amount of \$702,090 motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to increase account 51030 to 15,000. Council Member Winkler made a friendly amendment to increase the account to \$30,000. Motion carried with amendment, Council Members Motola, Campbell and Thomas opposed.

**RECESS (8:30 PM)**

(8:40 PM) Council Member Anderson left the meeting.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to increase account 54324 to \$171,400. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Motola, Campbell and Thomas opposed.

**RECESS (9:10 PM)**

Council Member Schaefer, Seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to recess the meeting until Saturday, March 28, 2009 at **9:00 AM**. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary

